

# WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. JULY, 2024  
Venue: 77 Carrington Blvd. Thomastown.

**The Warringal Orchid Society meets at the Watsonia Community Hall  
35 Lambourn Road Watsonia**

**The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. JUNE**

Hall will be open from 7.00pm you are welcome to bench plants for judging and to socialise with other members. A sales table operates with pots and other orchid accessories available. Members are able to submit up to 6 orchid plants for sale, plants to be well established in pots and in a clean condition. The society deducts a 10% commission on sales. Plants to be listed on sales form available at sales table.

**Please be seated on time for meeting to commence at 8.00pm.**

## SHOW DATES – 2024

**Winter Show : Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August  
set-up on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Spring show: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> And Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
set-up Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**At St. Sava Community Hall 212 Diamond Creek Rd. Greensborough**

**This month's speaker will be: Andrew Fernandez**

**Subject of talk is: Trekking Borneo**

**Andrew will give us an insight to the highs and lows of looking for  
Orchids in the wild**



## NOTICES

### New growers Group

New members wishing to get some extra instruction are welcome to join the New Growers Group conducted by Jason Khoo. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.

### Monthly meeting Supper

All members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share at the end of our meeting. We all enjoy this time, so do not leave it to the same ones every month. Please help pack up prior to having supper.

### Set- up

Help is needed to set the hall up for our meeting. Hall is open from 6.00pm, Come early and help set-up.

### Committee

Due to several resignations from committee and to maintain our stability we are asking for members to join the committee. This is your society, support it and have a go.

**The position of President is still vacant. Please think about Volunteering**

#### PROGRESSIVE SCORES

##### OPEN

M. Coker	145
G & C. Dimech	58
A. Rogers	32
J & L Karbownik	19
K. Lam	14
J. Khoo	12
M. Bastecky	11
T & A Pleitner	8
S. Pantelejenko	6
M. Mally	6
A. Magnano	5
a. Fernandez	1

##### INTERMEDIATE

L & A Shepherd	20
M. Volodina	12
M. Grzan	12
S. Grinzic	12

##### ADVANCED NOVICE

P. Kennedy	20
A. La Rocca	16
F. Verlaan	14
I. Katis	11
G. Spiteri	4

##### NOVICE

J. Wong	18
K. Sloane	11
F. Walton	9
D. Westhead	6
K. Littleboy	4
G. Benson	4
D. Parry	1

#### Presidents Choice



Pterothallis Loranthophylla

Grown by G & C Dimech



Why do retirees smile so much?  
Because they can't hear a word  
you're saying

Pterothallis loranthophylla is native to wet forests from sea level right up to 2100m and is found from Costa Rica through to South America and as far south as Peru.

# JUDGING RESULTS MAY 2024

## OPEN

### Minature Cymbidium

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|---|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Cliff Hutchings 'NHO' | M. Coker  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Mountain Mist         | A. Rogers |

### Phalaenopsis

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|---|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Phal. Washington                      | M..Bastecky |
| Phal. Mini Equetris Blush                               | M. Bastecky |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Phal. Hawaii 'Dragon Girl' x Speciosa | M. Coker    |

### Exhibition Paphiopedilum

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|---|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Paph. Irish lullabuy x Stone Lovely | M. Coker |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Paph. Donella 'Chilton'             | M. Coker |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Paph. Papilio-Laotias x Niveum      | M. Coker |

### Maudiae Paphiopedilum

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Paph. Maudiae 'The Queen'            | M. Coker |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Paph. Callosum x Hsinying 'Ruby Web' | M. Coker |

### Novelty Paphiopedilum

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> .Paph. Mount Low            | M. Coker |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Paph. Henduan Grace Henry | Kim Lam  |

### Species Paphiopedilum

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Paph. Villosum   | M. Coker |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Paph. Tonsum     | M. Coker |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Paph. Parnatanum | M. Coker |

### Oncidium

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Onc. Spring Moon x Golden Drop | G & C Dimech |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Rhynchosia Pacific Paranoia    | M. Coker     |

### Lycaste

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Abou Sunset    | M. Coker   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Aquila Delente | K. Lam     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Aquila Delente | A. Magnano |

### Australian Native Species

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Oberonia Polmicole | S. Pantelejenko |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Liparis Reflexa    | J & L Karbownik |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Bulb. Sheperdii    | M. Mally        |

### Australian Native Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Den. Colonial Kim              | A. Rogers    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Den. Annes Rainbow             | G & C Dimech |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Den. Brimbank Fire x Dunokayla | M. Coker     |

### Australian Native Terrestrial

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Ptero.x Furcillatum | J & L Karbownik |
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### Novelty Cattleya

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . C. Mini Purple 'Tamami    | A. Rogers |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' | M.Coker   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . C. Village Chief North    | M. Coker  |

### Masdevallia Species

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Masd. Pachyura Flava | M. Mally |
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### Masdevallia Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Masd. Rubican 'Hatchett's Creek' | M. Coker |
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### Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Phrag. Fritzschoberg   | M. Coker |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Phrag. Inca Rose       | M. Coker |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Phrag. Early Surprise` | M. Coker |

### Species- Any Genera

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Den. Tapiniense       | M. Coker     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Coel. Cobbianum       | K. Lam       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Pleuro Loranthophylla | G & C Dimech |

### BEST IN SECTION

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| Den. Tapiniense | M. Coker |
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## INTERMEDIATE

### Species cymbidium

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Cym. Tracyanum | S. Grzinic |
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### Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> .Coel. Ovalis x Barbarata | G. Benson |
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### BEST IN SECTION

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| Cym. Tracyanum | S. Grzinic |
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## ADVANCED NOVICE

### Intermediate Cymbidium

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Cym. Tracyanum 'Ken Siew' | P. Kennedy |
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### Miltonia

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Milt. Guanabara | P. Kennedy |
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### Lycaste

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Caroline "Dragon Lady" | P. Kennedy |
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### Australian Native Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Den. Botanic Sparkler | F. Verlaan |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Den. Hilda Poxon      | F. Verlaan |

### Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Zygo. JB White | P. Kennedy |
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### Species Any Genera

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Coel. Compressicaulis | P. Kennedy |
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### BEST IN SECTION

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| Cym.Tracyanum ' Ken Siew' | `P. Kennedy |
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## NOVICE

### Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Prosthechea Hybrid | K. Littleboy |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> .RC. Chief Sunlight  | F. Walton    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . C. Ruby Love       | D. Westhead  |

### Species- Any Genera

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Spiranthes Odorata | D. Westhead |
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### BEST IN SECTION

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| Spiranthes Odorata | D. Westhead |
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## Seedling Flowering 1<sup>st</sup>. Time

### OPEN

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> . Paph. Dot's Delight x Wonder Wood | M.Coker  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> . C. Maui Plum x Talapena           | M. Coker |

### BEST IN SECTION

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Paph. Dot's Delight x Wonder Wood | M.Coker Cym. |
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### Presidents Choice

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| Pleuro Loranthophylla | G & C Dimech |
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**Best in Section – Open**



Den. Taipinense

Grown by M. Coker

**Best in Section – Int.**



Cym. Tracyanum

Grown by S. Grzinic

**Best in Section – Adv. Nov.**



Cymb. Tracyanum 'Ken Seiw'

Grown by P. Kennedy

**Best in Section - Novice**



Spiranthes odorata

Grown by D. Westhead

## Growing Soft Cane Dendrobiums

The soft-cane or nobile-type dendrobiums come from temperate regions of India, China and Malaysia. Their range extends from the lower Himalayas in northern India to the western side of the mountain ranges of the Malayan Peninsula, where they are found at altitudes of 1000-1200 m. The species from which many of our modern hybrids have been produced include *Dendrobium nobile*, *D. heterocarpum*, *D. wardianum* and *D. regium*. Older hybrids include *D. Lady Coleman*, *D. Gattin Monarch* and *D. Terrence Read*, while newer ones include *D. Akatuki Queen*, *D. Fort Plum* and *D. Yukidaruma*.

In these locations they are subjected to extremes of heat, cold and heavy rainfall, so there is no need to pamper them. Summer temperatures of 40 deg. and winter down to 0 deg. (canes must not be allowed to freeze) are tolerated equally well if other conditions are looked after.

Soft Cane (Nobile type) Dendrobiums must be one of the easiest of all exotic orchids to grow and flower. The range of colours available is unsurpassed by any other type or genus of Orchid. These plants are tough and will tolerate extreme conditions. The most important aspect of their culture is that they have a definite and set time to grow and an equally set time not to grow.

Good strong canes grown during the summer will give good flowers next spring. While still flowering or shortly afterwards, the new canes will emerge and start to grow. As soon as they start to show signs of wanting to grow (usually when it is 80-100mm long) start your feeding program. Fertilise according to the rate of growth of the new canes, as the growth rate accelerates, so increase the fertiliser rate. As a guide, start fertilising on the 1st week of November and gradually increase frequency from once per week to twice weekly by about Christmas, then maintain that rate till the end of February or early March, then stop completely. No more is given to the plant until next season, by that time the new cane has reached its maximum height and only has to fill out the top 2 or 3 nodes to finish its growth.

All Dendrobiums have the capacity to produce new growths from their nodes (keikis). This is nature ensuring the survival of the species. Regular watering in winter will result in the production of offset plants (keikis) instead of flowers from the leaf nodes. Similarly, the application of high-nitrogen liquid fertilisers during the growth period will promote the formation of keikis. It is important to provide plenty of light for flowering size plants, especially in the winter months. From about the end of April they should be left in full sun until the buds appear, but remember that the higher the light level more attention needs to be given to watering in hot weather. Plenty of air movement around the plants helps to reduce the temperature of the leaf surfaces and prevents burning. During the summer, which corresponds with the wet season in the region where the plants originated, plants require copious amounts of water and as high a humidity as it is possible to provide. After the growth has finished in the early autumn, watering can be tapered off so that by July it should be only necessary to water every 5 to 7 days, if weather is dry, increasing again as flowers start to develop.

### Light and Air:

If you grow soft-cane dendrobiums in shady conditions, you are doomed to disappointment. You will produce lovely tall, green canes that will produce hundreds of keikis but very few flowers. Soft-cane dendrobiums require more light than many other orchids. During the main growing season (November to April) the plants need 30-50% shade but for the remainder of the year they may be exposed to full sunshine. Like most orchids, soft-cane dendrobiums enjoy a light and airy situation and do best when suspended from the roof of a shade house. Best flowering results from maximum

exposure to light during autumn and winter, when the current season's canes mature Soft-cane dendrobiums usually flower on canes that are two years old. The new cane grows during the first spring and summer, before growth stops in winter, and those pseudo bulbs produced in the previous year shed their leaves. Some hybrids produce flowers on the most recently produced canes, whereas others flower only on canes that matured in the previous year. Occasionally a cane will mature and flower in one year, in which case the flowers appear among the leaves, rather than on leafless canes

### **Flowering:**

Soft Cane Dendrobiums need a cooling off to initiate flower buds, a month of nights at about 10 deg. C is recommended, but 13 deg C has been found to be cool enough. If plants are placed in a position where good light reaches the full length of the flowering cane at bud initiation time, you will find that they develop over a greater length. If crowded together, at that time, flowering will be confined to the top sections.

### **Potting:**

Soft-cane dendrobiums grow and flower best in relatively small plastic pots, seldom needing pots larger than 100-125 mm in diameter. Because flowering plants can grow quite tall, these pots topple easily unless a bottom layer of large river pebbles is used when repotting. Pine bark (5-10 mm) is the most commonly used potting medium. There is no need to repot just because some roots begin to roam free but it will become necessary when the plant grows over the edge of the pot so far that it becomes unstable.

### **Summary:**

Fertilise and water freely all summer.

Stop fertilising not later than mid-March.

Water all year if conditions are dry.

Grow with plenty of light and air movement.

Keiki's: Make sure these are well developed before removing them; (too early and there is a long period of stagnation). Do not plant them too deep or new growths will be buried. Old canes can be cut into 75mm segments or left whole and laid on moist sphagnum or vermiculite. These will throw growths in 3-4 months.

Be vigilant for signs of the leaf eating caterpillars which can shred leaves in a couple of days.







## POTS



As per last month's club monthly meeting Bob Pyz advised the members that we have an ongoing problem with the storage of pots and accessories.

The club has now decided to review our current stock and the sales over the last 12 months and have decided to offer club members discounts on some line items that have stagnated and are taking up our limited space.

These "**specials**" will be offered at the club meetings on a monthly basis until we have reached a point where we only keep pots that are currently in demand.

We will be including a current price list of pots that we currently have in stock in our monthly newsletter.

Our options for the future:

1. Members will be asked to contact Bob and place orders in advance for the pots that are required on email - [bobpyz50@gmail.com](mailto:bobpyz50@gmail.com)
2. Bob will then make up an order sheet for the supplier and review the list to see if the cost of freight and handling justifies the expense.
3. The members have to be mindful that some suppliers have now applied minimum order quantities for pot sales and in some cases ordering smaller quantities is just not possible - unless we have enough interest in that particular line item.
4. Bob will advise the members when orders will be sent to the supplier
5. If we take up option 2, members will be asked to pay in advance as the club has no space to store unclaimed stock.
6. The club may not be in a position to supply pots at favourable prices due to the above reasons.



## POTTING BARK SALES



Members are encouraged to pre-order and pay for their bark requirements prior to our show.

Bark sizes available:

**LARGE** – 50Ltr. Bag    **MEDIUM** – 25Ltr. Bag    **SMALL** – 25Ltr. Bag    **MINI** – 50Ltr. Bag

**NOTE:** limited stock of Large, Small, & Mini bark will be available so place your order early so not as to miss out.

Cost of bags ordered and paid for prior to show:    50Ltr. - \$31.00    25Ltr. - \$18.00

Cost of bags will increase for the show to:    50Ltr. - \$33.00    25Ltr. - \$23.00

Order and pay for your bark at the June and July meetings to save.

**Orders will be reserved and are to be picked up at the show.**

## MEMBERSHIP

Annual subscriptions are due and payable by the **1<sup>st</sup> of July**. Ref: Rule 12 (ii)

Any member wishing to bench or sell plants at the Winter and Spring shows must be financial.

Membership fees: Dual \$25.00

Single \$20.00

### Bulletin Postage

Due to increased cost of postage, members wishing for Paper copy of bulletin will incur a \$20.00 annual fee added to their membership. Email copy of bulletin is free of charge.

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